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SUBJ: TRIAL OF TERRORISTS: SELECTION OF SUDANESE ATTORNEY

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 1486 (PARA 2B); (B) STATE 139570 (PARA 1);
(C) BRUSSELS 4194 (PARA 2)

1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED SELECTION SUDANESE ATTORNEYS FOR PROBABLE
USE DURING THE TERRORIST TRIAL. GENERAL CRITERIAL HAVE BEEN (A)
PERSONAL FRIEND OF AMB NOEL AND/OR MOORE; (B) LEGAL COMPETENCE
AND REPUTATION; AND (C) POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. ON THAT BASIS,
WE HAVE NARROWED CHOICE TO THREE CANDIDATES (AND A POSSIBLE
FOURTH). IN ORDER OUR CURRENT PREFERENCE, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GALAL ALI LUFTI: WELL-TRAINED LONDON FORMER JUDGE
RETIRED BY NIMEIRI IN 1969; HAS PERFORMED WELL ON SEVERAL
CONSULAR CASES; REPORTEDLY KNEW AMB NOEL WELL AND MOORE TO
LESSER DEGREE.

B. ABDEL AZIZ ABDALLA SHIDDO: ALSO WELL-TRAINED (NEW YORK)
FORMER JUDGE RETIRED BY NIMEIRI IN 1969; REPORTEDLY KNEW
AMB NOEL WELL AND MOORE TO LESSER DEGREE.

C. SADIQ MOHAMMED AL SADIQ: FORMER JUDGE WHO KNEW
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MOORE BETTER THAN NOEL.

D. ACHMAD FADL: ADVISER TO BELGIAN EMBASSY; SPECIALIZES IN CORPORATE LAW; KNEW AMB NOEL AND MOORE SOCIALLY BUT NOT--TO OUR KNOWLEDGE--PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO EITHER ONE.

2. SELECTION ACHMAD FADL WOULD NOT NECESSARILY POSE PROBLEM INDICATED IN REFTEL C, BUT ISSUE MAY ALSO NOT ARISE AS WE MAY HAVE BETTER CANDIDATES FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON LUFTI (OR OTHERS) BY BERGSTROM (INR/RAA/NE). WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE (IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE) AF/N ASCERTAINING FROM MRS. NOEL AND MRS. MOORE IF ANY OF LAWYERS LISTED ABOVE (OR OTHERS NOT LISTED) WERE PERSONAL FRIENDS THEIR HUSBANDS. FRITTS

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